

TROY CITY VIEW

Troy, Ohio...Where Civic Pride is City Wide

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Winter 2009/2010



Greetings and welcome to the Troy City View. This newsletter reflects our city's ongoing efforts to communicate with our citizens in Troy and to inform you of the various aspects and ongoing events of our City. I hope you find this a very useful tool in your planning.

Sincerely,
Michael L. Beamish, Mayor

Special Winter Events in Troy

The Temptations

Join this Grammy Award Winning Group and Members of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame as they sing holiday favorites and many of their classic hits.

Mark this date; you won't want to miss it!
The Temptations - 45 years & going strong!

December 10, 2009 at 8:00pm

Tickets: \$62, \$45, & \$30

To purchase tickets call the Hobart Arena box office at (937) 339-2911 or visit www.hobartarena.com



World Championship Ice Racing

by International Championship Events

Friday Jan. 29, 2010 at 8:00pm

at Hobart Arena. **Tickets on sale now.**

Buy tickets online at www.hobartarena.com or call (937) 339-2911.

City of Troy Trivia !!

Troy has several buildings within the city limits which have served as courthouses over the years. **How many physical buildings in Troy represent past courthouses?**

Answer at bottom of page 3

Urbana University



On June 23, 2009, Urbana University announced a partnership with the City of Troy, the Troy City Schools and the Troy Development Council to have a hometown university for the community.

The partnership has gotten off to a positive and successful start this fall with graduate classes being offered for the MBA, M.Ed. degree programs, as well as the Troy Plan for Economic Education. Eighteen (18) adult students are enrolled in those classes, coming from local businesses, industries and local schools.

Enrollment for classes offered in the 2010 spring semester (which begins Jan. 11) is now under way. An information/registration night is being held on Thursday, December 3, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at The Future Begins Today (another Urbana U. partner) office at 104 E. Main Street. Interested individuals are encouraged to attend. The university, through the partnership, is offering a unique opportunity to local residents including a tuition discount, assisted short-form registration, and conditional admission to start. To learn more about Urbana University visit their website at www.urbana.edu

Welcome new Council Elect Members

At the December 21 meeting of City Council, Council will say farewell to two members of Council who did not run for re-election: Councilman **Mark Douglas** served on City Council from 1998 - 2001. On May 17, 2004, he was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Richard Cultice, when he was appointed City Auditor. (Mr. Douglas was subsequently elected to serve as a Council Member-at-Large for two terms.) Councilman **Tom Kirkham** served as Troy's 2nd Ward representative for the 2008-2009 term.

We thank Mark and Tom for their service to the Troy community.

In January 2010 Troy City Council will welcome two new members: **Jim Stubbs** (2nd Ward Council Member) and **Bobby Phillips** (4th Ward Council Member).

New Businesses in Troy

The City of Troy would like to recognize the following new or relocating businesses within the city:

AT&T Prime Mobile - 1843 West Main St.

Eleanor's Tea Cottage - 1012 Lincoln Ave.

Ernst Sporting Goods - 2351 West Main St.

Glamour Nails - 1085 West Main St.

Hot Head Burrito - 1285 South Dorset Rd.

Practice, LLC - 18 East Canal St.

Shawn Duncan Associates - 104 North Market St.

Structure - 104 North Market St.

2009 City Council Winter Meeting Dates & City Calendar

Troy City Council meets on the first and third Mondays of every month, unless a Monday holiday requires rescheduling the meeting to Tuesday. All meetings are held at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 100 South Market Street. The agenda packet for each meeting is posted on the City's web-site, www.troyohio.gov/meetingnotices/agenda.html as well as in City Hall. The public is encouraged to attend these meetings with their input.

The following schedule is provided as a handy reminder of the City Council meetings (highlighted) and other important City events.

DECEMBER 2009

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| 1 | Board of Park Commissioners | 11 a.m. |
| 7 | Council | 7 p.m. |
| 9 | Planning Commission | 3:30 p.m. |
| 17 | Recreation Board (Hobart Arena) | 9 a.m. |
| 21 | Council | 7 p.m. |
| 24/25 | Christmas Holiday, City Offices Closed (Refuse Collection Delayed one day starting Dec. 25) | |

JANUARY 2010

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| 1 | New Year's Day, City Offices Closed (Refuse Collection Delayed one day starting Jan. 1) | |
| 4 | Council | 7 p.m. |
| 5 | Board of Park Commissioners | 11 a.m. |
| 13 | Planning Commission | 3:30 p.m. |
| 18 | Dr. Martin Luther King Day, City Offices Closed (Refuse Collection on Schedule All Week) | |
| 19 | Council | 7 p.m. |
| 21 | Joint Recreation & Park Board Meeting Hobart Arena | 9 a.m. |
| 27 | Planning Commission | 3:30 p.m. |

FEBRUARY 2010

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| 1 | Council | 7 p.m. |
| 2 | Board of Park Commissioners | 11 a.m. |
| 10 | Planning Commission | 3:30 p.m. |
| 15 | President's Day, City Offices Closed (Refuse Collection on Schedule All Week) | |
| 16 | Council | 7 p.m. |
| 18 | Recreation Board (Hobart Arena) | 9 a.m. |
| 24 | Planning Commission | 3:30 p.m. |

MARCH 2010

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| 1 | Council | 7 p.m. |
| 2 | Board of Park Commissioners | 11 a.m. |
| 10 | Planning Commission | 3:30 p.m. |
| 15 | Council | 7 p.m. |
| 18 | Recreation Board (Hobart Arena) | 9 a.m. |
| 24 | Planning Commission | 3:30 p.m. |

NOTE: All meetings are held at
Troy City Hall, 100 South Market Street
unless otherwise designated in parenthesis.

Your Tax Dollars at Work

AN OLD WATER LINE IS BEING REPLACED ON CRAWFORD STREET FROM FRANKLIN STREET TO EAST MAIN STREET. This small line was failing and undersized and will be replaced with a new larger line. The contractor for this project is Finrock Construction and the work is being done for \$42,000, which is \$10,000 less than anticipated.

IMPROVEMENTS ARE BEING MADE TO THE WESTBROOK DITCH, from I-75, crossing West Main Street and continuing along the ditch to Westbrook Lane. The project will improve the capacity and erosion that has occurred over the years. Coate Construction is the contractor for this project, which costs \$69,843. This is funded through the City's Stormwater Management Fund. and is \$18,000 less than estimated.

IMPROVEMENTS WERE MADE IN TWO LOCATIONS IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA thanks to a federal CDBG grant. The alley next to The Rec was improved to allow for proper flow of stormwater. The alley at the southeast corner of the square was resurfaced to match the other alleys. This work will be performed by Double Jay Construction and will complete the alleys on the square. No City funds were spent.

Thanks to a grant from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and a low interest loan from the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund, a total of almost \$1,500,000 will be spent to **IMPROVE THE SANITARY SEWERS IN THE WESTBROOK NEIGHBORHOOD.** Most of this work will be done with a relining process that requires access only to manholes and the rest of the work is done from inside the pipe, significantly reducing the need to access the back yards of properties. This work will be performed by Miller Pipeline and will take place over the next six (6) months, at a cost of \$1,382,270, which is \$117,730 less than anticipated.

SIDEWALKS IN THE MULBERRY AND WALNUT STREET areas have been getting a facelift thanks to Phase 6 of the City's Sidewalk Replacement Program.

Special Thanks to Our Christmas Tree Donor



On behalf of the citizens of Troy, Mayor Beamish would like to give a special "Thank You" to Mr. & Mrs. Robert Morgan of 1423 Saratoga Drive for the donation of this year's Christmas Tree. The tree is a beautiful 35-foot blue spruce, a perfect size for use on the Square.

Special thanks to Piqua Steel and their employees who help each year in getting the Christmas tree cut down and placed on the square. This service has been provided free of charge for several decades.

Park Improvements

The Park Department has planted approximately 50 trees in the McKaig Race Park. The trees consist of the Japanese Ivory Silk Lilac and the Japanese Yoshino Cherry Trees. These trees have been generously funded by The Troy Foundation.



The City appreciates the efforts of the Mercer Group for donating \$6,000 of in-kind services and equipment for the improvement of the North Market Street ball field. This infield work includes removing the grass infield, laser grading both the skinned infield and where the old sod was removed, and installing new sod on the newly graded infield. The Troy Baseball Boosters are donating \$2,500 to pay for the sod costs. We are grateful for the partnership and donations of the Mercer Group and the Troy High School Baseball Boosters in working with the City Park Department to enhance this facility.

Stormwater Runoff

Stormwater runoff occurs when water from rain or snowmelt flows over the ground. Impervious surfaces like driveways, sidewalk, and streets prevent stormwater runoff from naturally soaking into the ground, often creating an excess of stormwater. This excess can pick up pollutants such as oil, grease and chemicals that flow into stormwater systems or directly to the Great Miami River. Anything that enters the stormwater system is discharged untreated directly into our waterways.

By making little changes to our daily habits, we can help keep pollutants out of our stormwater. Here are a few suggestions:

Soil and Lawn Care - Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly. Use organic or non-toxic pesticides and fertilizers as directed, and keep them away from ditches, gutters and storm drains. Don't blow, sweep, rake or hose yard waste into the street gutter or storm drain.

Pet Waste - Pick up pet waste and dispose of it in the trash. Don't drop pet waste into the storm drains.

Auto Care - Repair leaks and dispose of used auto fluids and batteries at designated drop-off or recycling locations. Avoid hosing down your garage floor and driveway. Instead sweep regularly.

Access Your Income Tax Return Online

We are providing, for the first time, online access to your personalized City of Troy Individual Income Tax Return for tax year 2009.

A mailer will be delivered to provide you with information on how to view your personalized site online. On this site, you will find your Individual Income Tax form, general information, instructions for completing the Individual Income Tax Return, estimated tax vouchers for remitting Quarterly Estimated Tax due and more.

If you do not have internet access to retrieve these forms, contact our office at (937)339-3861

and request that forms be mailed to you. Please contact us when your mailer is received, and have your mailer in hand when you call. We will need your personalized site address to print forms to mail to you.

Remember, we still offer the service of free tax return preparation assistance. Simply bring all your tax information to our office and we will complete your form for you. There is no charge for this service and no appointment is necessary! We recommend that you have your return prepared by our staff prior to March 31, 2010 to avoid possible long waits.

Winter Weather

Residents can assist with winter storms to help keep Troy safe and more comfortable this winter by assisting with the following:

- ❖ Drive only when necessary and drive slowly and cautiously.
- ❖ Remove all vehicles parked on the streets. The plow trucks can plow to the curb without plowing vehicles in the snow.
- ❖ Remove all snow and ice from fire hydrants and storm sewer catch basins. This aids the Fire Department in responding to a fire, and the open catch basin helps melting snow drain properly.
- ❖ Shovel snow from driveways and place it to the right side of the drive. This helps the trucks plow snow away from the driveway.

Golf Course Fees

The Miami Shores Golf Course, located at 402 Staunton Road, is open until December 31, 2009 (weather permitting).

Hours are Tues-Sun 8am-Dusk, Mon 11am-Dusk

Rates: Weekdays \$11 walk/9 holes, \$14.50 walk/18 holes, \$21.50 cart/18 holes Weekends \$11 walk/9 holes, \$19 walk/18 holes, \$26 cart/18 holes



Troy Aquatic Park

2010 Season Passes on Sale at the Troy Recreation Department. For more information please call (937) 339-5145.

Early Bird Special
December 1 - February 26

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| Family of 5 | \$180 |
| Additional | \$ 10 |
| Grandparents | \$ 40 |
| Adults | \$ 90 |
| Youth | \$ 65 |
| Senior | \$ 56 |

2010 Season Pass Rates
Beginning March 1, 2010

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| Family of 5 | \$200 |
| Additional | \$ 10 |
| Grandparents | \$ 40 |
| Adults | \$110 |
| Youth | \$ 85 |
| Senior | \$ 76 |



SAFETY TIPS FOR HOLIDAY SHOPPING

The Troy Police Department (TPD) offers these safety tips while conducting your holiday shopping:

- ❖ **Go** with a group rather than alone.
- ❖ **Don't** carry credit cards you will not need.
- ❖ **Carry** purses close to your body, place wallets in front pants pocket or inside a coat.
- ❖ **Keep** all car doors locked at all times.
- ❖ **Park** near entrances and exits, where there is more traffic.
- ❖ **Trust** your instincts and leave the area if you feel uneasy.

More tips can be found by visiting the TPD website at www.troyohio.gov/police/crimeprevention.html

Trivia Answer:

Five (Overfield Tavern; Building at the southwest corner of W. Main & Cherry-the bricks from this building were from the courthouse in the Public Square; Building where the Bamboo Grill was located; Large courthouse-"Miami's Pride" on W. Main and the Safety Building. (There was another log courthouse between the time of the Overfield and the Square, but it no longer exists.)

Source: *The Troy-Miami County Local History Library* - a branch of the Troy-Miami County Public Library in partnership with the Troy Historical Society.



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CITY CLIPS

City of Troy Employee News

Congratulations to **Cathy Knapp** on her recent retirement. Cathy joined the City of Troy Utility Billing and Collection Department on September 17, 1991, and retired effective October 14, 2009. We wish her the best in her new endeavors!

Christmas Tree Disposal

City crews will pick up and dispose of your Christmas tree free of charge. Just place the tree out where your trash is collected. Crews will begin the pickup on December 28 and will continue until the middle of January. Trees set out in wrapped plastic bags will not be picked up.

Also, remember that cardboard boxes or product packaging and wrapping paper are recyclable. Please place these in your recycling bin. If you do not have a recycling bin, contact the Central Service and Maintenance Facility at (937) 335-1914.



Beautification Committee to Plant Trees Downtown

The Troy City Beautification Committee will be placing live, potted trees downtown for Christmas. After the Christmas season, the trees will be planted throughout Troy.

CITY OF TROY VISION STATEMENT, MISSION STATEMENT, AND VALUES STATEMENT

Vision: The City of Troy will expand its reputation as a family-oriented, vibrant, financially, sustainable community focused on a diversity of economic development, educational opportunities, and high quality of life for its citizens, businesses, and visitors.

Mission: Through sound and prudent leadership, the City of Troy is committed to sustaining its continued prominence as a regional hub, providing a well-balanced community for its residents, businesses and visitors, consisting of a vibrant downtown, growing economic base, a strong educational environment, and plentiful recreational opportunities strengthened by public/private cooperation and grounded in financial stability.

Values: The City of Troy values (in no particular order): Ethical Behavior; Respect; Honesty; Integrity; Accountability; Partnerships; Fiscal Prudence; High Quality Service Delivery; and Transparency.

DIRECTORY OF CITY OFFICIALS

MayorMichael L. Beamish
President of CouncilMartha A. Baker
Council Members:

.....1st Ward, Thomas M. Kendall
.....2nd Ward, Thomas H. Kirkham
.....3rd Ward, John W. Schweser
.....4th Ward, Jarrod W. Harrah
.....At-Large, Alan R. Clark
.....At-Large, Mark A. Douglas
.....At-Large, Frank L. Hutchinson
Director of LawGrant D. Kerber
AuditorRichard L. Cultice
TreasurerEdward L. Cox
Director of Public Service & Safety
.....Patrick E. J. Titterington
Assistant Director of Public Service & Safety
.....Thomas C. Funderburg
Clerk of Council and Administrative Assistant
.....Sue G. Knight
Cemetery SuperintendentLewis J. Deeter
City EngineerDeborah J. Swan
Development DirectorJames A. Dando, Jr.
Director of GolfKenneth D. Green
Fire ChiefChristopher L. Boehringer
Fiscal SupervisorMichelle M. Jordan
MIS ManagerRichard C. Oak
Park SuperintendentTimothy J. Mercer
Police ChiefCharles C. Phelps
Recreation DirectorKenneth E. Siler

Information on how to contact City elected and appointed officials is available on the City of Troy website: www.troyohio.gov



Troy City Programming - Channel 5

Watch the Mayor's Report and the delayed broadcast of City Council Committee and City Council meetings on Troy-Public Broadcasting, Channel 5. **Mayor's Report** — Mon. - 6:30 p.m., Tues. - 11:00 a.m., Thurs. - 9:00 p.m., Fri. - 11:00 a.m., Sat. - 2:00 p.m., Sun. - 7:30 p.m. **City Council Meetings*** — Tues. - 11 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., Sun. - noon

*City Council Committee meetings air just prior to City Council meetings as time permits.